

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS,)	CASE NO.
INC.'S TARIFF FOR PHYSICAL EXPANDED)	2000-461
INTERCONNECTION SERVICE)	

O R D E R

On October 2, 2000, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") filed a tariff for the provision of physical collocation which it calls Physical Expanded Interconnection Service. BellSouth has requested that the tariff be effective October 9, 2000 as it contains reductions. Pursuant to KRS 278.180, a utility may apply for rates to go into effect on less than 30 day's notice when the rates are a reduction from the current rates.

In support of its request, BellSouth asserts that the tariff will not preclude competitive local exchange carriers ("CLECs") from negotiating different terms and conditions for physical collocation. Moreover, BellSouth asserts that the rates contained in the proposed tariff are based on cost studies recently filed in Administrative Case No. 382¹ and that BellSouth will charge these rates on an interim basis pending resolution of the issues in Administrative Case No. 382. If the Commission requires an adjustment to the rates proposed, then BellSouth will make a retroactive adjustment to any CLEC that has purchased physical collocation from this tariff.

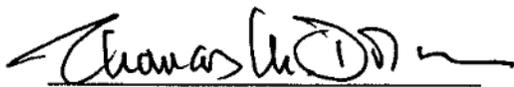
¹ Administrative Case No. 382, An Inquiry Into the Development of Deaveraged Rates For Unbundled Network Elements.

The Commission, having considered BellSouth's proposed tariff for Physical Expanded Interconnection Service and its motion for expedited treatment, and having been otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that the tariff is approved and shall be effective as of October 9, 2000.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 6th day of October, 2000.

By the Commission

ATTEST:


Executive Director